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# SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cowin on the birth of a son.

We congratulate E. George on the award of an industrial scholarship by Richard Thomas and Baldwin, to read electrical engineering at Nottingham University and C. H. Porter on the award of an industrial scholarship by British Railways, to read electrical engineering at Queen Mary College, London, and P. Dickson on the award of an American Field Service Scholarship for study in America.

The following were appointed school prefects last term, B. J. Edwards, E. E. Broadhurst, G. Peart, A. G. Williams.

One of the more novel excuses for absenteeism last term, was that of blisters suffered by some of the many resourceful boys who dreamed up that improbably lemming-like activity of a 'sponsored walk'. An account by one of the lemmings occurs later in this edition.

It is with particular pleasure that we include, in this edition, a review of Mr. W. H. Thomson's recent 'History of Manchester'. It is particularly pleasing that the work of one distinguished and retired Head of History should be reviewed by his distinguished and retired successor as Head of History.

We congratulate the following on being awarded School Colours for drama and music: S. L. Claughton, A. A. Gardner, N. S. Lerner, C. H. Porter, M. G. Touchin.

During the Easter Holidays, there was the usual trip to Paris, an account of which occurs later, and Mr. Travers took a party of 14 sixth-form geographers to Cromer for 8 days, to carry out field work ranging through Norfolk.

## THE EASTER CONCERT

The Easter Concert this year formed the second major collaboration between our choirs and orchestras and those of Whalley Range High School for Girls. The first half of the concert was devoted to short orchestral, choral and instrumental items, the quality of which seemed directly related to the degree of enjoyment experienced by the performers. Notable in this first part was the rendering of John Ireland's "See how the morning shines" by the Senior Girls' Choir. Thoroughly committed performances of works by Hooke and Handel for recorder ensemble led by Mr. David Manning, also reached a high standard of performance.

The second part was devoted entirely to a concert performance of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" conducted by Mr. Keith Hoskinson. First performed in 1937, this work was an immediate success and is still the only work of this composer which is widely performed. Yet Orff has had a notable influence on modern musical education, providing many volumes of music designed to enable children to make music from a very early age on the simplest of instruments. His success with children stems from his realisation of the vital part that rhythm has to play in musical appreciation. "Carmina Burana" appeals to audiences because of its strong, yet flexible, rhythms and because the idea of clothing medieval lyrics in a modern, (though at times recognisably medieval) garb requires little intellectual effort. Although in one sense it is a pastiche, it can nevertheless be enjoyed as an exhibition of splendid choralism, unusual and even quirky solo singing and resplendent orchestration.

This secular cantata calls for a small boys' choir and a mixed choir. The orchestration includes two pianos, (always a great help for any school orchestra), and a large battery of percussion. The opening pages of the work were impressive indeed with choral singing so strong and accurate and percussion so confident and rhythmical that one soon forgot that this was a school effort. Not until the orchestra had to play a dance on its own was one reminded of the tremendous difference in achievement that can be obtained by school choirs and orchestras. Happily, any orchestral weaknesses were soon forgotten in the general impression of the performance. The difficult and high solo parts were entrusted to the experienced voices of Tessa Hultgren (soprano), Steven Hodgkinson (tenor) and Alan Ward (baritone). The latter is an Old Hulmeian and will be remembered as singing the part of Jesus in the performance of "The St. Luke Passion" two years ago. The contribution of such excellent voices to a school concert does much to raise the general level of achievement and it was certainly true of this performance.

Fine choral singing came, not only from the mixed choir, but also from the small boys' choir whose tone and strength was admirably suited to their urchin-like role. Though there were some inevitable weaknesses, there was some fine and often spirited orchestral playing. This was particularly true in the many highly rhythmic pieces where the demands of precision of pitch were not so high. Outstanding in the orchestra was the commanding and rhythmically vital percussion playing. There was much of very great merit to be remembered in this performance.

J.H.F.

### THE HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION

One looked forward with interest to see whether the House Plays of 1968 would maintain the high standard set in the previous year. Unfortunately, they fell short of this and although the winning play was a most creditable production and the two runners up were quite sound, the last three left much to be desired.

Fraser, having chosen a rather dreary and pretentious play, worked very hard to make something of it and indeed credit should be given to "Mr. Priest" as he plodded bravely on, happy in his suffering. The production was wooden, though with such a poor play it is difficult to see what else it could be. Fletcher filled the part of Jane amply.

Gaskell's version of Shaw's **Passion, Poison and Petrification**, suffered mainly from lack of polish. This skilful mockery of the conventions of Victorian melodrama demands a degree of smooth assurance and high seriousness that eluded Gaskell. They found themselves too amusing and ended up with a knock-about romp which was largely inaudible, not least because of the strangled tones assumed by G. Davies as Lady Magnesia Fitzollemache. Houston was also rather quiet and seemed to lack both the spirit and the affection expected in one who could have been the first 'clothes martyr'. Banks was suitably diabolical and managed to register a remarkable range of facial expressions as he pursued his villainous ends: certainly he seemed to enjoy himself mightily. This was an excellent choice of play but it needed much more thought and rehearsal than it appeared to have been given.

The choice of Pinter's **The Birthday Party** as the H.A.D.O.S. entry was not so wise, and long breaks as well as wholesale cutting made a 'difficult' play so fragmented as to be virtually unintelligible to most of the audience. This major fault, apart, one must concede that the cast worked hard and that the pace of the production was intelligently varied. The atmosphere of claustrophobia and menace was built

up well in individual scenes even if the whole had little coherence, and it was apparent that both producer and cast had some understanding of the complexity and significance of the speech rhythms and patterns of the dialogue. All the cast tried, but fundamentally they lacked the experience for such an ambitious production and would have been well advised to attempt something simpler.

Less heady stuff was provided by Dalton in their production of Sean O'Casey's **The End of The Beginning**, a rather tedious farce based on the hoary old joke of a husband's claim to be capable of coping better than his wife with the domestic chores. Hayward, Faulkner and Lloyd squeezed out all the humour to be found in this slight situation and made a great play with stage 'business'. Up to a point this was amusing, but the humour was all on one level and quickly became predictable: certain moments stick in the mind, however—Hayward supine on the stage doing his exercises, Faulkners first words, Lloyd shambling from crisis to crisis as things gradually got out of hand. Set and production were good, though some pruning of the second half would have been an improvement.

**The Epidemic** was presented by Whitworth and was a generally lively and enjoyable performance. In some ways it seemed a pity that a more challenging play was not chosen for Whitworth appeared to have a greater depth of talent than most other houses. The right mood was created from the start and the pace did not slacken. The major characters all established their caricature identities and developed them with great gusto, particularly Dodd and Sanig who had some very lively exchanges. Cunningham's performance as the mayor was pleasing, though once or twice he did not seem as sure of himself as such a worthy needs to be. The minor characters were very good indeed—Edwards and Vernon being particularly noteworthy. Altogether this was a very sound production though it was felt that it still lacked the necessary degree of finish and that more rehearsal would have helped considerably.

The judges had no hesitation awarding first place to Byrom's intelligent and polished production of N. F. Simpson's comedy **The Hole**. The piece was genuinely funny, the pace never flagged and the set was used boldly and imaginatively. The decision to abandon the picture-frame stage was the right one and one hopes that, given suitable material, other more adventurous productions will follow.

From the start this was a reasonably confident production as the cast juggled skilfully with Simpson's varied and unpredictable dialogue, rarely losing the thread and always maintaining a tone of absolute conviction. D. G. Cowan, C. Knott and I. M. K. Lowe all turned in very well judged performances and — a pleasant change from some of the other productions — all could heard clearly throughout the hall. The play was sensibly cut and produced by I. K. M. Lowe.

The judges' decision was:—

1. Byrom—**The Hole**.
2. Whitworth—**The Epidemic**.
3. Dalton—**The End of The Beginning**.
4. Heywood—**The Birthday Party**.
5. Gaskell—**Passion, Poison and Petrification**.
6. Fraser—**My Hills, My Home**.

## C.C.F. NOTES

The highlight of the term for the Corps was the Easter Arduous Training Camp held this year at Aviemore, Scotland. We had been doing some dry-ski training in preparation for this, and with the memory of the bumps and bruises we got doing this, we approached the ski slopes with some trepidation. The camp, in fact, proved to be very enjoyable, the weather was excellent and the snow conditions perfect, and on occasions it was possible to ski from the summit of Cairngorm to the camp site 3,500 feet below. As well as the ski-ing, we also had the more usual arduous training activities of mountaineering and expeditions. As compensation for all these exertions, the village of Aviemore provided us with ample opportunity for occasional relaxation.

During the term the normal training of the Corps continued as usual, being concentrated on teaching our junior N.C.O.s and potential N.C.O.s army methods of instruction. We also entered a team late in the term for an Orienteering event, in which S. M. Fletcher performed well, coming eighth in an experienced field of over 60.

Finally we would like to congratulate D. Cunningham on his promotion to R.S.M. and I. M. K. Lowe, N. W. Duckworth and G. M. Price on their promotion to C.S.M.

## EASTER IN PARIS

The party set out from Lower Mosley Street bus station at about a quarter to one on the morning of Tuesday, 9th April and, after a stop on the M1 we reached Victoria Station at about seven o'clock. We caught the ten o'clock train to Dover and after a smooth crossing and a train journey through which most people slept, we reached the Gare St. Lazare at about six-thirty. We were then taken by coach to the Ecole Pascal on the Boulevard Lannes.

We had dinner and retired gratefully to bed.

The next morning we were woken at seven fifteen and with much dissent we got up. However, a bowl of coffee and a couple of rolls worked wonders and we cheerfully scrambled into the coaches for a tour of all the main monuments of Paris. We stopped briefly at Les Invalides to visit the tomb of Napoleon.

After lunch we went to the bank to change our money and were then let loose on the Rue de Passy to shop and generally get our bearings.

On Thursday morning we were woken at the same ungodly hour and, after breakfast took the Metro to the Louvre where we saw the Venus de Milo, the Mona Lisa, The Crowning of Napoleon by David, the Winged Victory and many other famous works of painting and sculpture. We returned for dinner at eleven-thirty.

In the afternoon, revived by a good (as usual) lunch, we ascended the Arc de Triomphe to the marvellous view down below the Champs Elysées to the Place de la Concorde and the Louvre. The top of the Arc de Triomphe is one of the best spots from which to appreciate the superb planning of Paris.

On the morning of Friday the twelfth we took the Metro to the Hôtel de Ville for the reception by the City of Paris, at which speeches were made by various dignitaries, and the Paris police band played.

In the afternoon we visited the Conciergerie and were treated to an excellent lecture on the building, which had been a palace, a barracks and a prison, in turn.

We left with a much better picture of the gruesome times of the French Revolution.

We then visited the Sainte-Chapelle, which, although it took only two and a half years to build, has some of the finest stained glass windows in Europe.

After tearing ourselves away from the Sainte-Chapelle we visited Notre-Dame. We did not ascend the towers but walked around the inside where Good Friday Services were being held.

On the Saturday morning we went up the Eiffel Tower, reaching the top at eleven-fifteen after a seemingly interminable wait on the second stage. The view, however, was worth the wait.

In the afternoon we all rowed on the Lac Inférieur in the Bois de Boulogne, which produced some amusing incidents.

In the evening we went on a coach tour of the Paris illuminations, some of which were very impressive, especially the Eiffel Tower and the Palais de Chaillot.

On the morning of Easter Sunday we went rowing again and managed to get a little less soaked.

In the afternoon we ascended the white dome of the Sacré-Coeur to see another of the famous views of Paris. After coming down we were allowed to wander around the Place du Tertre, where we watched the artists at work, and other parts of Montmartre.

On the Monday we went on a Bateau-Mouche trip up (and down) the Seine, which gave us some fine views of the Louvre and Notre Dame.

In the afternoon some of the party went to Orly airport and the remainder visited the zoo at Vincennes, in the south-east of Paris.

On our last day we visited the state apartments at Versailles, the huge palace built by Louis XIV and enlarged by his successors. We were lucky to get a very good guide, who really did make the place come alive.

Afterwards, we visited le petit hameau, the tiny country village that Louis XVI built for his Austrian wife, Marie Antoinette, in the vast grounds of the Versailles Palace.

After a picnic lunch in the grounds of Le Petit Trianon, a palace built by Louis XIV for his use when the vast palace at Versailles overpowered him, we drove on to Malmaison, the house where Napoleon lived when he was married to Josephine. The house, which is minute when compared to the Palace of Versailles, has a much more homely atmosphere than the great palace.

On Wednesday the 17th we returned home, sad to leave Paris and knowing considerably more about France (and the French).

Our thanks must go to Mr. Collings, Mr. Timm, Mr. Brake and Mr. Langford for making the holiday so enjoyable and educationally valuable.

### LANCASTER TO MANCHESTER SPONSORED WALK

After about a fortnight's careful planning and preparation, fifty-one sponsored walkers left school for Lancaster in a double decker bus at 6-50 p.m., on Saturday, March 9th. This was fifty minutes behind schedule owing to the non-appearance of two brothers, who shall remain anonymous, but who figure prominently in the ensuing saga. The bus, under the command of Mr. Warden, arrived in Lancaster at about

8-30 p.m. and we set off walking immediately. The first ten miles were completely uneventful and nobody dropped out at the Garstang checkpoint. I should, perhaps, mention that for the purpose of this account, 'checkpoint' is synonymous with mobile soup kitchen. The three-tonner was packed with gas stoves and pans of simmering liquids (I have it from a reliable source, that master of the culinary art, Mr. Grange, that they were in fact soups).

The next checkpoint was at Preston, a further ten miles, and it was between these two checkpoints that the rearguard of 6th formers, who, with no thoughts for ourselves, had held back, spurning the personal glory of the leaders to ensure the safety of the stragglers (we were pretty tired, too), were overtaken by those anonymous brothers who had caught a public service bus and set out from Lancaster an hour after us.

The Preston checkpoint was the end of the road for some of our number, notably one whose cries of, "Look you, boyo, I'll be first in Piccadilly, you'll see if I'm not", were still ringing in my ears when I discovered him lying prone underneath a mountain of blankets in the back of the three-tonner. He was still vociferously maintaining that he would have made it but for crippling fibrositis.

Meanwhile, back on the road, we were picking our way, with the aid of a duplicated map, through the streets of Preston towards Chorley. It was at this stage that things began to get unbearable, Radio Luxemburg shut down for the night, and the next ten miles, or more specifically, the last two of the next ten miles, were particularly gruelling. For the uninitiated, Chorley is situated on a hill the size of which can only be fully appreciated by bored, tired, hungry sponsored walkers. This hill is guaranteed to sort the wheat from the chaff and, sure enough, only about twenty boys, the maniac fringe, left Chorley under their own steam. By this time some early birds amongst the parents had started a shuttle service with their cars, taking boys from Chorley back to Manchester, and for this service we are very grateful.

The field thinned out considerably after Chorley, mainly, I think, due to the bitter cold of the early morning which attacked every muscle in the body as soon as one stopped for a rest. However, this did not deter the four people who had completed the walk, Simon Daniell, who had led the field for about forty-five miles, the eventual winner; Dave Fletcher, Steve Fletcher who had set off an hour late with his brother, and R. Burton. I think special mention should be made of Burton and Jeffries, who nearly finished. They both made a tremendous effort and outwalked boys years senior to themselves.

The walk raised £300 for the 'Shelter' organisation which provides homes for Britain's homeless.

Finally, I should like to thank all those who walked, sponsored, or helped to organise the walk, and to mention the fact that those who finished had taken about 90,000 steps since leaving Lancaster. It's a wonder they didn't get fibrositis!

ONE OF THE CHAFF.

### STAGE NOTES.

The Stage Staff spent the first half of the Lent Term clearing up after the school play. When half term was over we began our preparations for the House Play Festival.

Once again the plays were held on two successive Friday nights, but we were fortunate in that, except for Byrom, who did not use the stage at all, all the Houses required indoor sets. Although this did away with the need for producing sets which could be completely altered from a room to an outdoor scene in a few minutes, it raised another problem of how to achieve variety. Despite often heated disputes amongst the producers concerning the claims of individual houses on items of props, a reasonable variety was achieved.

As has been the practice in recent years, the responsibility of stage-managing the House Plays was given to individual members of the stage staff in the fourth, fifth and sixth years. Despite the fact that the majority of these had had little or no experience in stage management hitherto, all achieved quite creditable results.

The Stage Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed towards the collection for, and the making of the Mike Smith Memorial Trophy. The Trophy, which is in the form of a silver replica of a small spotlight, was presented to the Headmaster by John Bennett, a former member of the Stage Staff and a close friend of Mike Smith, on behalf of past and present members of the Stage Staff, and Mike's many friends outside the school who had generously contributed towards it. During the presentation, tribute was paid to Mike's many contributions to life, both inside and outside school. Several old boys, whom we were extremely pleased to see, were present, as was Miss Susan Smith, Mike's sister.

Later in the term the trophy was presented to the winners, Byrom, and we were pleased that Mike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. G. Smith, were able to come, having been unable to be present at the earlier presentation.

As soon as the house plays were over, the stage staff cleared the stage. All our curtains were aired and the tunnel was given a complete clearing up. Next term, examination work permitting, we hope to carry out some maintenance on our props.

A. A. Gardner and C. H. Porter are to be congratulated on being awarded their School Colours for Music and Drama.

Our thanks go, as usual, to Messrs. Barnett, Bonnick, Foulds and Furniss.

G.McK.

I.W.C.

### THE MUSIC SOCIETY.

Last term few meetings of the Society were held, but the records played were unusually varied, and the attendances most encouraging, owing, perhaps, to a vigorous publicity campaign. However, we would still like to extend a warm welcome to all music lovers, especially from the middle school.

For our first meeting, Mr. Hoskinson kindly allowed us to listen to the School record of "Carmina Burana", by Carl Orff. This was the work to be performed by the School later in the term, and a number of members of the choir and orchestra took the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the music; others came to whet their appetite.

In subsequent weeks we heard two Romantic piano concerti, those of Chopin (No. 1), played by Tamas Vasary, and Schumann, played by Solomon. We followed this with two works by Elgar, the "Cello Concerto" and the "Sea Pictures", with Jacqueline du Pré, Janet Baker, and Manchester's own Hallé Orchestra, conducted by Sir John Barbirolli.

In contrast we then heard works by Sibelius, the tone-poems "Tapiola" and "En Saga", and finished the term with Beethoven string quartets, played by the Janáček Quartet, and some sacred music by Monteverdi.

This term we hope to be listening to music more of our own times, and possibly to some 'live' performances by executant members of the society. Plenty here, we hope, for most tastes.

R.G.

J.R.B.

## CAVING CLUB

The first trip after the foot and mouth epidemic was to Ibbeth Peril Cavern in Dentdale. The entrance was at the foot of a waterfall below Nelly Bridge, only a couple of feet above water level. The system took a considerable amount of water from the stream directly above it, making it wet and uncomfortable for two of the party who weren't wearing wet suits. A low crawl down the stream passage became more roomy towards a large gallery into which flowed a waterfall. Two members of the party stayed here whilst the others explored a maze of passages below the waterfall. The more daring enjoyed a swim in the stream on returning to the surface.

A few weeks later we visited Cherry Tree Hole on Downbrook Fell. This is a fine system entered at the bottom of a shake-hole, the passages offering a wide variety of sport.

The next on the list was Sleets Gili Cave, which was found rather easy, only the long steep entrance passage giving difficulty, due to a floor of uniformly sharp rocks, so we re-visited Dow Cave near Kettlewell, two people re-exploring it as far as the waterfall, the trip being especially enjoyable because of the low level of water in the cave.

Just before Easter, Easegill gave a good challenge to the skills we had developed on earlier trips. A maze of passages under Easegill can be entered by several different pot holes, of which we chose County Pot. There was an early descent down a windy passage to the first 15 foot pitch, followed by another passage leading to a vertical chimney up to a crawl filled with awkwardly placed stalagmites, known as "Poetic Justice", followed by a 30 foot pitch which led down to the master cave, a long passage with an active stream, fed by underground tributaries. A long crawl led through more passages to Holbeck Junction. From Holbeck we followed another passage until a difficult climb forced us to return to the surface, examining Gypsum cavern, decorated with sparkling Gypsum crystals over the walls and ceiling.

During the Easter holiday, a second party explored Sell Gill Hole, descending ladder pitches of 30, 50 and 60 feet, and other smaller caves.

J.M.T.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society was fairly active last term, with a regular programme of Kodak filmstrips on Friday evenings. These were well attended, particularly by our junior members, and were found to be most instructive. Several members were taught the rudiments of darkroom technique, and have been using the School's facilities frequently for their own creative efforts.

Towards the end of last term, Mr. Haynes treated us to a lecture, beautifully illustrated with his own slides, on close-up photography. Everyone who attended this

meeting thoroughly enjoyed it, and we should all like to thank Mr. Haynes for his trouble.

The term closed with a Practical Evening, when members were asked to bring their cameras, and photograph various aspects of the school. This was a very successful meeting, and a competition to find the best photograph is being held this term.

The members extend a very warm welcome to Mr. Holt, who joined us last term, and to all our other new recruits. Finally, if anyone has any 'helpful' suggestions to improve the Society, I should be very pleased to hear them.

## THE MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

There was rather more to show at the end of the Lent term than there had been at Christmas. A few keen members had worked and worked hard throughout last term, and by the end of term, well over half the layout was finished and working i.e. the section running from the goods yard, via the junction station, to the branch station.

Two meetings were held during the school holidays at half-term and Easter, when the layout was assembled and tested.

The Society now has to meet in Room 22, and any person in the 3rd Form or above, wishing to join, should come and see us after 1-10 p.m. in room 22.

Finally, we would like to thank all the masters, especially Mr. Manning, who helped us throughout the term.

C.H.P.

## HOUSE LETTERS

### BYROM

This was undoubtedly Byrom's term. After its customary lazy start the House suddenly came to life just before half term in time to win two of the five major trophies (more than any other House) and be runners-up in a third. But not only did we win trophies: more important, perhaps, was that there was a revival of the House spirit so painfully lacking before Christmas.

This spirit centred particularly around an unusually young senior knockout team: for despite the impressive list of school team players, D. G. Cowan, G. S. Simpson, J. S. Rhodes (1st XII). C. Knott, S. E. Tebbett, J. A. Koski, G. Jones, D. K. Anderson (2nd XII), the team included four fifth formers. After an undistinguished performance against Heywood, we pulled off a surprise 3-2 victory over Dalton after being two down at half-time. The final, against a very strong Whitworth team, was unfortunately marred by an early injury to Simpson, but though we went down finally 7-3, we never stopped fighting.

In their ill-fated competition, the Junior team led by R. G. Taylor went down in a hard-fought game against the more experienced Heywood team. But the greatest success on the games field did not come until the last day of term when we won the Lacrosse 6-a-sides. The whole competition rested on the first team final against a much fresher Whitworth team where it seemed that their relentless pressure must win through, but Rhodes' remarkable keeping and Cowan's winning goal saw us home.

The other sporting achievement of the House was in the Junior Cross Country where our enthusiastic team led by P. D. Adams and R. W. Denson succeeded in winning their event. It was unfortunate that our seniors, deprived by injury of their best runner, had only C. Knott with any quality, but with a near monopoly of the middle order we took third place.

Probably the most surprising thing to come out of the House this year occurred when some motley band of frustrated Oliviers (who wish to keep their anonymity strictly intact) performed alarming antics in a so-called House play entertainment. It was true theatre of the absurd — the absurd thing was that we won.

So much for last term. This summer brings us face to face with tennis and cricket knockouts, swimming galas, sports days and House music festivals — to say nothing of 'A' and 'O' levels for which I wish the best of luck to all members of the House. Let us hope that, by the end of it all, we will have continued our successes and maintained our dominance over all the other houses.

## DALTON

At the end of last term C. R. Lloyd left us. He takes with him our thanks for his management of the House and best wishes for his career at Oxford. S. R. Marsden succeeds him as Head of the House.

We congratulate A. G. Williams on his appointment as School Prefect. The following were nominated House Prefects last term: C. G. Barnes, R. J. Finnigan, C. E. Hayward and J. D. Standley.

Continuing our run of entertaining theatrical productions over the last few years, Dalton staged a highly amusing performance of Sean O'Casey's "The End of the Beginning" as the House's entry for the Play Competition. C. R. Lloyd, C. E. Hayward and D. B. Faulkner provided the talented cast; their acting and accomplished Irish accents, together with a very realistic set, contributed to the overall success of the play, which was placed 3rd after Byrom and Whitworth.

The term was one of mixed fortunes in the sphere of games. After a slow start to the season, the House Lacrosse teams improved to finish high in the League table. In the knock-outs, both Seniors and Juniors were fortunate to get byes. The Seniors then met Byrom, by whom they were eventually beaten after a close match; but the Juniors found Gaskell in decidedly better form and went down more easily.

The Cross-Country championship provided some surprises. The seniors obviously found the field too strong for them and came in a disappointing last. The Juniors, on the other hand, ran unexpectedly well, with Symonds finishing a very good 2nd, and the team's placing of 2nd is much to their credit; they should do well in the future.

The 6-a-side Competition was held on the last day of term. Despite the efforts of the players involved, we finished 6th, partly because of the luck of the toss, and partly because one side was disqualified for being incomplete.

Finally we got off to a good start this term, when R. J. Terry received on behalf of his team the trophy for an entirely new competition, the Middle School Chess Championship.

The House was represented on School Teams by the following boys:

1st XII: C. J. Oxford, R. J. Finnigan, W. A. Veitch.

2nd XII: M. L. Derlien, K. R. Astle, J. S. McQuin, H. J. Burnside.

3rd XII: S. R. Marsden.

U.15: 1st, T. J. Bentley; 2nd, A. C. Crane, M. Zanco, L. Pimblett, S. Nettleton.

### FRASER

#### House Matches Table:

	P	F	A	D	L	W
First .....	12	119	54	0	2	10
Second .....	11	152	27	0	0	11
Third .....	10	85	36	0	3	7
Fourth .....	8	42	20	0	2	6

After running up last term, we won the League in Lacrosse, fifty points clear, with a depth of ability throughout the teams. Again they were managed exceptionally well by Young and Everett. All round, this was a fine sustained job.

At the end of term, House Colours were awarded to the following:

Seniors: R. D. Young, P. U. Perelle, P. A. Cary, T. R. Turner, S. J. N. Daniell.

Juniors: J. R. Atherton, J. C. Peat, C. D. Payton, S. Head, G. D. Kettlewell and P. N. A. Walker.

In the knockouts, Fletcher led teams unfortunate in that both could have won their matches as it turned out, although the odds were against it. The Seniors were beaten 8-7 by Whitworth, eventual winners, and the Juniors 6-4 by finalists Gaskell.

Third place was a fair placing in the Hewlett Sixes.

The following played for the school: 1st XII: D. J. Fletcher, D. Gammon. 2nd XII: M. Benson (Capt.), P. Perelle, A. Toft. 3rd XII: P. Cary, R. Flynn. U.15: D. Wong and J. R. Atherton, J. C. Peat, C. D. Paton. U.14: G. D. Kettlewell.

Daniell put some considerable effort into his captaincy of our Cross-Country Teams, and the House obtained the very creditable result of 2nd overall, although we could not emulate the days of Whaite, and lost the trophy.

Slipping from the top half in House activities, we continued our distinctive if infamous tradition in the House Play Festival, mainly due, it seems, to an unfortunate choice of a Welsh play and despite the devotion of Payne's production. The younger elements joined in the usual enjoyment of the experience, and perhaps now we can hope for new things of the next generation. Hamilton found a fine vote of realism, Head and Kettlewell won colours. Alas, we came last.

Payne has now left and will be taking up a place at Exeter University. In his distinctive way, he added not a little to the life of the House, and he takes our very best wishes with him. On another personal note, we are glad to have Norman well on the way to recovery after a long absence.

This term in the Cricket League Gammon succeeds to a high standard of House Teamwork, Fletcher captains the House Swimming Team, Bird our Tennis, while Claughton nobly shoulders the burden of culture in the House Music Festival, where we can at least do no worse than last year. Everett leads the defence of the Athletic Shield. All events which will require no less House Spirit.

### GASKELL

Towards the end of last term, D. P. Gaskell, our Head of House, took his leave of us: we thank him for his accomplished leadership of the House during its dearth

of innate talents, and wish him every success in his studies at Brasenose College, Oxford.

It is unfortunate to record that the Lacrosse season, formerly the House's richest harvesting time, has this year suffered from a dearth of skilled players, especially at League level. In actual fact, we finished sixth on the League table, appreciably below our more successful rivals. However, it is all the more gratifying to note that Gaskell's greatest asset, its flagrant and indomitable spirit, was never caused to wane at the sight of adversity. This was clearly evident in the performance of the Juniors in their knock-out matches. Although the Seniors had lost in the first round to Whitworth, the Juniors, under the masterly captaincy of D. A. Harrison, fought their way to a thrilling final against Heywood House, and it was only towards the latter stages of the game that our lead was clipped and eventually lost to Heywood. Regrettably, the term was sealed by our only managing to achieve fifth place in the six-a-side competition, a position we also fell to in the cross-country championship, despite the keenness of all participants.

For the house play competition, Gaskell staged a lively production of the melodramatic Shavian comedy "Poison, Passion and Petrification". J. R. Bank's Biedermeierish lugubriousness, well preserved over the Christmas festivities, once again reared its ugly head to provide a convincing performance, and a sinister contrast to G. W. Davies' equally effective falsetto. The unforgettable appearance of P. A. Houston again added ribald momentum to the entertainment, and the cast, together with their producer, R. D. Armstrong, are to be congratulated upon their keenness, energy and choice of costumes, despite their unfortunate award of only fifth place. What the play lacked in audibility and action was certainly well compensated for in atmosphere and enjoyment.

The House was well represented on School teams:—

1st XII — D. P. Gaskell (Vice-Captain).

2nd XII — T. A. Fannon.

3rd XII — A. P. Haynes, R. G. Walker, D. A. Harrison.

Under 15's XII (First Team) — J. E. Duncombe, D. A. Harrison (who were also representatives of Lancashire and the North of England),  
G. H. W. Rhodes.

Under 15's XII (Second Team) — P. N. Sheppard (Captain), R. Clarke,  
A. P. Grundy, C. M. Touchin.

Cross-Country — D. G. Fowler, A. Kenworthy, A. C. McIntosh, J. F. Ross.  
R.G.

## HEYWOOD.

Last term we said good-bye to several old friends. During the first week our Head of House, J. A. Gabbay, left us, leaving G. Peart to take over as his successor; and at the end of the term I. H. Rodgers and K. E. Noble left. Our thanks go with them for their past work in the house, and our best wishes for the future. We congratulate J. A. Gabbay on his scholarship to Manchester University.

A post-mortem on last term's competitions reveals that in the six competitions we won two trophies, and were runners-up for another, the House League, where, after a bad start, we found it impossible to make up the gap which had opened up between ourselves and Fraser.

The complete records of the four teams are as follows:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XII .....	11	9	—	2	93	51
2nd XII .....	11	8	—	3	113	33
3rd XII .....	10	7	—	3	84	48
4th XII .....	8	4	—	4	72	34

After a disappointing display in the first match, the 1st team quickly established itself as the strongest of the house teams. It enjoyed a long undefeated run, which was only broken in the penultimate game of the season, when the mounting list of injuries, which befell us after half-term, rather than the opposition, finally overwhelmed us. The team was built round the confident goalkeeping of N. S. Bolland and in defence, marshalled by old hands G. Peart and J. P. Ketley, which, if not brilliant, was certainly most effective. The attack was small and fast with P. F. Atkinson and I. H. Rodgers tireless in their efforts. The 2nd team also played some sparkling lacrosse (they won one match 31—2!) and did very well considering they had to make up for injuries and absences on the 1st team as well as their own. The 3rd team had a bad start; but soon settled down to brush aside most opposition. They had some fine individual players in G. B. Foyne, B. M. Caldwell and A. J. Higgins, which augurs well for the future. In the way of results, the 4th team had only an average season. They tended to rely too much on two or three individuals to the detriment of combined team play.

In the knock-outs the seniors drew a very strong Byrom side. Despite our all-out effort and enthusiasm, Byrom's preponderance of school team players proved decisive; and we went down 5-8 in a tense and exciting game. The juniors, however proved to be more successful; and after defeating Whitworth (9-3) and Byrom (11-7) with an ease which prevented them playing their best lacrosse, Gaskell provided tougher opposition in the final. In an even first half, we led 4-3 at the interval. Then J. H. Handley, M. T. Broadhurst, and B. M. Caldwell decided to take command of the game, and we outplayed Gaskell in the second half, eventually running out winners 11-4.

However, the ruthless efficiency we displayed in the House league was conspicuous by its absence in several groups of the six-a-sides. The 2nd and 5th teams, in particular, threw away golden opportunities of reaching the finals; and with them went our hopes of success. It was left almost entirely to the 4th team to salvage our honour by winning their group, and push us into a disappointing fourth position overall.

We were represented on school teams by the following:—

2nd XII — W. P. Boustead, G. Reading, D. V. Roberts.

3rd XII — G. Peart, P. F. Atkinson.

Under 15's XII — J. H. Handley, M. T. Broadhurst, N. S. Farr.

Under 15's 2nd XII — B. M. Caldwell.

In the House Drama Competition, Hados presented Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" in an ambitious production by D. J. Russell and N. Franks, which included flashing lights, a tape recording, and several other intelligent production features. Owing to the even standard of the competition this year, we were placed fourth — no disgrace considering the inexperience of both producers and cast.

Our second success of the term came in the cross-country competition, in which, despite three cry-offs at the last minute, we 'walked' the senior race by packing five runners into the first ten places, and provided the winner of the junior race. Much credit to this success must go to I. H. Rodgers and K. E. Noble, who organised the training; A. W. Renshaw and D. V. Roberts, who won their respective races; and L. P. Kynaston, who, by dedicated training, ran well above himself to finish second in the senior race.

We enter the summer term with a successful term behind us, and hopes of another ahead. We have the Senior Cricket and Tennis Cups to defend, and there is no reason why we should not win the Athletics Shield and Music Festival. It is up to those not concerned in examinations to pull out something extra, so that we may even need more than one shelf to hold our glittering trophies!

G.P.

### WHITWORTH.

The Spring term was yet another successful one for the House of Furor-W. E. E. Broadhurst and B. J. Edwards have been appointed to the strange society of school prefects and we congratulate them on this elevation to the scholastic peerage. Still around the mysterious prefects' room, we congratulate A. J. McGlue on being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Canada and on being a member of the Lancashire Schoolboys' side, along with E. E. Broadhurst and K. M. Dodd, which drew with the Cheshire team.

Athletically we had mixed fortunes. In the House league, the 1st team began in fine style winning the first five matches but the individualistic nature of the goals which won them led to disorganisation and consequent lost games in the second half of the term. The second team's confidence grew with every game and brought some good results, particularly towards the end of term. The junior teams unfortunately were not very strong and it is much to the credit of their determination that they achieved some notable wins.

In the K.O.'s the Seniors again took flags without having really to stretch themselves, although a relaxing defence in the second round, won 8-7, must have caused some anxiety to spectators—it certainly worried the goalkeeper! In the first round, won 12-3, Broadhurst was able to score almost at will with powerful shots, while in the final McGlue worked hard to score several goals and Dodd marshalled a competent defence. The juniors were again a good team 'on paper', but somehow the task of winning on the field proved too much and they succumbed in the first round. In the six-a-side competition, only the 2nd six won their section, although the 1st was very unlucky not to win theirs.

With four school runners and strong support runners we hoped for a high place in the cross-country race, but ardour was dampened along the muddy banks of the Mersey and we finished well down.

Representing Whitworth on school teams were:—

1st XII — A. J. McGlue (Captain), E. E. Broadhurst, R. D. M. Lind, K. M. Dodd.

2nd XII — A. P. Taylor, B. J. Edwards, I. D. Kettle.

3rd XII — A. C. George, I. J. Shaw.

Under 15's XII — A. H. Kay, I. D. H. Spicer.

Under 15's 2nd XII — J. Kitching, L. C. I'Anson.

Cross-country — G. P. Phythian, C. H. Porter, M. Price, J. Fitzpatrick.

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In the Easter Concert we were, as always, well represented, which augurs well for the music festival, as does our wealth of cricketers, athletes, swimmers and tennis players for the respective competitions. I look forward to reporting the successes of Furor Whitworthius in the next "Hulmeian".

D.B.C.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### PAVEMENT ARTIST

Little James  
Was bored  
So he took a piece of chalk,  
Iron coloured,  
And on the pavement drew  
A manhole.  
He opened it.  
An unsuspecting passer-by  
Not looking, fell  
Down the manhole.  
Little James closed the manhole  
And taking his handkerchief  
Rubbed out the manhole  
He went on his way  
Happy.

A. KENWORTHY (M6M).

### COLUMBUS.

There was me  
An' this other Feller  
An' we was watchin' an old bloke  
Makin' this round thing like  
'E called it a wheel  
'Course we laughed  
But 'e said  
Just you wait  
So we did  
'E didn't  
'E died.

A. KENWORTHY (M6M).

### A PORTRAIT OF A MAN.

Sodden with conformity,  
This grinning ball of paternalism,  
Moves,  
Rolls on  
And on,  
Crushing hope with  
Righteousness  
Dredged from the depths of man's creative madness.

N. S. LERNER (M6M).

### WHEN I WAS A BOY.

I am more than two thousand years old,  
He said.  
We didn't believe him.  
I held Ceasar's sword while he crossed the Rubicon  
He said.  
We didn't believe him.  
He showed us the sword.  
It was marked J.C.  
We didn't believe him.  
So we cut off his head with a sword  
And we counted the rings.  
He was right.

A. KENWORTHY (M6M).

### DEATH FACTORY.

Well, you take a million G.I.'s,  
And you stick 'em in the brig,  
Then you pull them out and  
Shove them on that bloody Khe Sanh ridge.  
Well, you take a million sailors  
And you keep them on this shore,  
Then you pull them out and  
Shove them in that pointless Vietnam war.  
Well, see, you take a million pilots  
And you give them all new 'planes,  
Then you shove them over Hai Phong  
Just to kill some more in vain.  
Well, you take your million G.I.'s,  
And your millions other more,  
Then play 'one potato, two potato,  
Three potato, four'.  
Well, when you've followed all these rules,  
Survivors home for tea,  
You just might as well go liquidate  
Your empty factory.

C. B. MORITZ (5A).

## SEASHORE.

The tide now out,  
Among boulders and cliffs  
Lies the rock pool's wonderland.  
In one pool sits a creature  
Transparently fragile  
Propelling itself with a thin fairy foot.  
Into weeds it floats  
And is engulfed by a sea-weed "octopus"  
With its long bubbled tentacles waving,  
Waving in the pool's minute current.  
Tiny fish dart and play  
Amongst sea snails and slippery urchins.  
A cast-off crab shell "raft" floats—  
Floats, manned by a crew of sand flies.  
The shells of many coloured hues lie still,  
Still and abandoned  
Infested by creatures of the rock pool world.  
Peace and tranquillity disturbed,  
Disturbed by paddling gulls.  
Dip goes a gull's head under water,  
Dip and it snatches a little frail body.  
The tide creeps in,  
In, little by little,  
Their world is lost to ours.

J. L. GRAHAM (2A).

## GAMES

### LACROSSE 1st

#### Record:

Played 15; Won 10; Lost 5;

Goals: For 119, Against 75.

#### v. Old Mancunians: Home. Won 11-0 (6-0)

A very pleasing opening performance by the whole team. The school dominated possession through their ability to fight for the loose ball. Old Mancunians were only allowed a total of three shots at goal while the school attack exploited a weak defence. Broadhurst's hard shooting brought him 4 goals but essentially the victory was a team effort.

#### v. Mellor 'B': Home. Won 11-3 (4-2)

The school soon held the advantage but were unable, through poor shooting and the 'acrobatics' of the Mellor goalkeeper, to turn their greater possession into goals. The defence was never really extended and the attack certainly did not lack ideas.

#### v. Stockport G.S.: Away. Won 17-0 (10-0)

Very much a one-sided game with Gammon and Lind outstanding in defence. Rhodes continued to show his potential while the attack moved the ball swiftly scoring some fine goals, with Fletcher having an exceptional game and scoring 6 goals.

#### v. Offerton: Away. Won 7-5

(Prelim. Rnd. N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

In a tremendously exciting game, the school's fitness and fighting spirit brought them a well-deserved victory. The basis of the win was a very tight defence with Rhodes outstanding. The attack foraged for possession by sheer determination, and, using the ball intelligently, they scored some fine goals. The only disappointment was the failure to turn the advantage into a more convincing win than the score suggests.

#### v. Leeds University: Away. Lost 7-8 (3-5)

The enthusiasm of the team seemed sadly lacking, and while the defence tended to lose con-

centration and concede simple goals, the attack had little penetration. Gaskell strove hard in midfield but he received little support, and the team returned home very dejected.

v. Nottingham University: Home. Won 12-4  
(1st Rnd. N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

Again, the victory was essentially a team effort. The defence, especially Dodd and Gaskell, held a dangerous-looking attack very well. Possession was the key factor and credit is due here to the fighting spirit of the school's attack in which Simpson and Broadhurst were outstanding.

v. Stockport: Home. Won 10-3 (2-1)  
(2nd Rnd. N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

In a game spoiled by some rather bad-tempered play, the school gradually won domination with some fine lacrosse. Starting slowly, the defence gained a tight grip on Stockport's attack, while, as the game progressed the attack found large gaps in the opposition's defence. Confidence grew and 5 goals were scored in the final quarter through quick inter-passing and good shooting.

v. Cheadle Hulme School: Home. Lost 5-7 (2-2)

The school underestimated the ability of the opposition and were never allowed to settle into their normal rhythm. Cheadle packed their defence and broke away strongly with the ball to earn a deserved victory.

v. Cambridge University: Away. Lost 6-10  
(3-8)

In a disappointing game, the school gave perhaps their worst display of the season. Criticism must be levelled at the attack who too easily gave away possession through weak passing; but the team never recovered from the 5 goals Cambridge scored early in the game. Veitch scored 3 excellent individualist's goals.

v. Manchester G.S.: Home. Won 5-3

The school made heavy work of their victory. Although Gammon and Oxford played very well, the attack was too prone to individual efforts rather than the more profitable practice of moving the ball around and working for goals. Only in the final quarter when 3 goals were scored, did the school play the calibre of lacrosse expected of them.

v. Old Hulmeians 'A': Lost 3-5  
(Semi-final N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

To the team's great disappointment, the Old Boys' experience and ability to take chances proved decisive. The school were 3 goals up after the opening quarter, but gradually the opposing

defence were able to contain the school's attack. Until the final whistle the game was evenly balanced, and in the last quarter an all-out attacking effort by the school almost gave them victory, but a break away goal sealed the result. Oxford was outstanding in midfield.

v. Manchester G.S.: Home. Won 7-4  
(2-2)

Following a similar pattern to the opening encounter, the school were behind until the final period when 5 goals were scored. Veitch and Simpson scored fine goals.

v. Cheadle Hulme School: Away. Won 7-6  
(5-1)

The school set out determined to avenge the previous defeat. The game was played in atrocious conditions, and with the strong wind behind them in the opening quarter the school shot 5 goals. Leading 7-2 at the final quarter, the school concentrated on defence and although Cheadle shot 3 goals in the closing minutes, the previous defeat was deservedly revenged.

v. Urmston 'A': Home. Won 10-5 (4-2)

A poor game notable only for Rhodes' goal-keeping and Astle's display at centre, which augurs well for the future. Without extending themselves, the school played well enough to secure an easy victory.

v. Old Hulmeians: Home. Lost 1-12

The school hoped to put up a commendable performance but they were never allowed to build up any rhythm or pattern to their play. Lacking the services of Oxford and Veitch, and with Simpson receiving an injury early in the game, much of the school's penetration in attack was missing, and although the defence fought hard to contain the Old Boys' experienced attack, the result was inevitable.

Colours were re-awarded to A. J. McGlue (captain), D. P. Gaskell (vice-captain), R. D. P. Lind, C. J. Oxford, A. Veitch, D. J. Fletcher, G. S. Simpson and D. G. Cowan.

Colours were awarded to: D. Gammon, J. S. Rhodes, K. Dodd, R. Finnigan and E. E. Broadhurst.

Also played: C. Knott, K. Astle, M. Benson and M. Derlien.

Scorers: McGlue 22; Broadhurst 21; Fletcher 19; Simpson 19; Veitch 20; Finnigan 8; Astle 4. (Knott, Oxford, Gammon, Lind, Gaskell, Cowan and Dodd: 1 each).

McGlue, Gammon, Rhodes, Simpson, Dodd, Broadhurst and Lind represented Lancashire

Schoolboys against Cheshire. Cowan was reserve.

Congratulations are also due to Rhodes who was selected for Lancashire Under 21's.

## SECOND TWELVE

### RESULTS:

v. Old Hulmeians 'A' .....	L	1-11
v. South M/cr. and Wyth. 'B' .....	L	5-9
v. Liverpool University .....	W	13-1
v. Stockport G.S. 1st .....	W	9-8
v. Cheadle 'B' .....	L	5-11
v. C. P. Langford's XII .....	L	9-11
v. South M/cr. and Wyth. 'B' .....	L	8-14
v. Mellor 'B' .....	L	5-7
v. Ashton 'A' .....	L	9-13
v. Old Hulmeians Extra 'A' .....	W	11-3

Lack of experience is the obvious answer to a disappointing record. As the fixtures readily won last year have disappeared, it seems that the purpose of the season has been to give a team younger than in recent years their 'bleeding' against good club sides. It is to their credit that against 88 goals conceded, they put back 75.

The defence was left bare of 'old hands' to control it; Dodd and Cowan, followed by Derlien all went to the 1st XII. Astle, Tebbett and Roberts have all learnt the 'do's and dont's of running a defence, while McQuin was quietly efficient; but often an unsettled first half left us to make up impossible leeway. The growing usefulness of Astle took him onto the 1st XII, and with injury to Boustead, a capable centre, the team was forced to find untried reserves at a late stage. Fannon was all too often called upon to perform miracles in goal, but performed with great courage and increasing skill.

The attack was consistent, and far from disappointing. A growing sense of how to use the ball, with the confidence of working together well, taught the way to work the line open, though latterly a galaxy of chances was spoilt by some incredible shooting ('cross-trouble'). Burnside's experienced confidence made him a good striker, Koski and Reading worked very hard, Perelle's shooting was too late an addition, while Taylor and experienced Knott fed well enough to fill positions on the 1st XII. Not to forget the defence's great energy, when they were called upon as forcing men. Some excellent goals came from this source.

It has been well learnt that '12 men up, 12 men back' always gave the power needed, but to win against such sides required a full effort with no chances missed. Indeed the side gained some repute for its 'fight', with one or two near misses in fourth quarter come-backs. It was such a spirit that made the team in the main a pleasure to captain.

Teams chosen from: Benson (captain), Dodd (vice-captain), Cowan, Knott, Derlien, McQuin, Koski, Burnside, Reading, Fannon, Roberts, Astle, Tebbett, Taylor, Perelle, Boustead. Thanks to our 'instant' reserves: Shaw, Anderson, Edwards, Jones, Toft and Kettle.

M.A.B.

The spirit of the team, often against severe odds and sides often prepared to use physical rather than mental power to win, was largely due to excellent captaincy. In defence, at centre and in attack Benson not only played hard himself but managed to summon up enviable supplies of energy to vocally encourage the rest of his team to do the same. His handling of the organisation side has also been exemplary.

C.P.L.

## UNDER 15 XII

This year's side was undoubtedly strong in its defence and the thrust created in attack by D. Harrison. The attack was small, but handled well and was usually lively. Many good moves were spoilt by weak shooting. The team was captained enthusiastically by J. Handley and did very well to come through the season undefeated. The Junior and Schools Cup was retained after hard struggles with the strong Cheadle Hulme School and Stockport Secondary Technical School teams. D. Harrison, D. Wong, A. Kay, I. D. H. Spicer, R. J. Taylor and J. E. Duncombe were selected for the Lancashire Colts Teams which defeated Cheshire, and D. Harrison, D. Wong and R. J. Taylor played for the North of England Colts, who beat the South.

### Results:

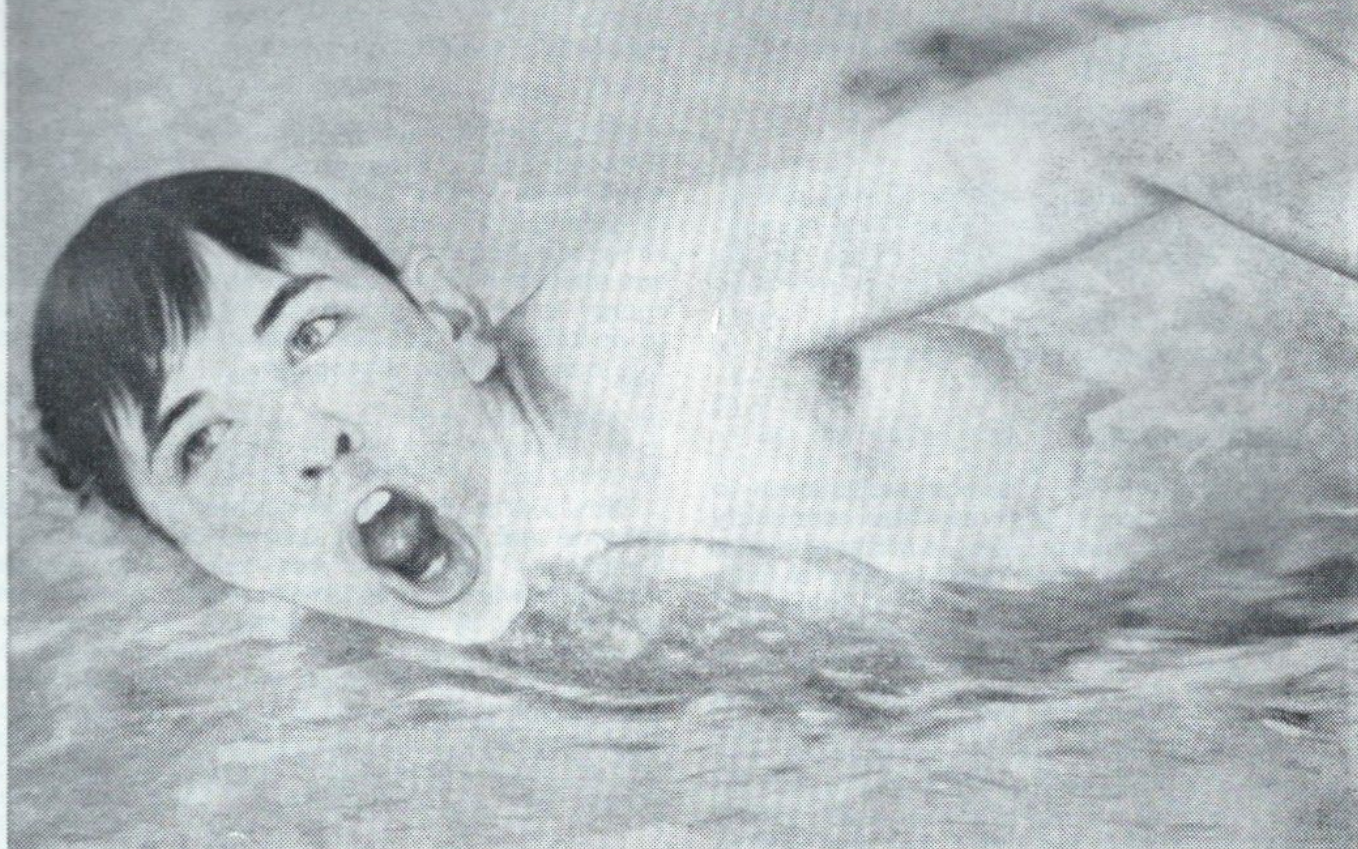
v. Mellor Juniors, Home .....	W	8-3
v. Stockport Grammar School, Home .....	W	17-3
v. Stockport Tech. H.S., Home .....	W	7-4
v. M/cr. Grammar School, Home .....	D	8-8
v. Cheadle Hulme School, Away .....	W	7-6
v. Ellesmere Park School, Away .....	W	8-2
v. Manchester G.S., Away .....	W	7-4
v. Cheadle Hulme School, Home .....	W	7-5
v. Stockport Sec. Tech. H.S., Cheadle .....	W	7-3

The following boys played: J. H. Handley (captain), I. D. H. Spicer (vice-captain), D. Harrison, D. Wong, A. Kay, J. E. Duncombe, M. D. Moore, R. J. Taylor, M. Broadhurst, N. Farr, P. Bentley, P. Norfolk, P. D. Grundy and M. Zanco.

## UNDER 15 2nd XII.

Captained by P. R. Sheppard, this was a scratch collection of players drawn from the House teams; slow to settle down, they were well beaten by Stockport in their first match, but thereafter began to improve and gained a satisfactory revenge.

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## Results:

v. Stockport Grammar School .....	L	4-8
v. Cheadle Juniors .....	W	7-3
v. Stockport Grammar School .....	W	10-6
v. M.G.S. Under 15's 2nd .....	W	24-0
v. Cheadle Hulme School Under 14...	W	16-2

## UNDER 13's LACROSSE XII

Without doubt the Junior School produced the best twelve we have ever had in this age group, and they had an excellent season without defeat.

Played 11, Won 11, Goals for 223, Goals against 24.

R. W. MacNeill proved to be an outstanding captain and leader of the attack, whilst D. C. Hume was the leader of a very sound defence.

Under 13's colours were re-awarded to: R. S. Threlfall, and awarded to:—

R. W. MacNeill—1st Home  
D. C. Hume—Point  
P. D. Roden—L.W. Attack  
W. P. Swann—2nd Home  
J. L. Hindley—Cover Point  
M. H. Lomas—Goal  
D. M. Paxton—Centre  
T. J. Underwood—L.W. Defence  
D. J. M. R. Burton—R.W. Defence  
S. M. Fisher—3rd Man  
I. R. Dunbar—R.W. Attack

Jan. 17—v. M/cr. & Wyth. Juniors, ...	W	10-7
Jan. 20—v. Stockport G.S., U.13 .....	W	20-0
Jan. 24—v. Stockp't Tech. High U.13...	W	40-0
Jan. 27—v. Ch. Hulme School U.13 ...	W	27-0
Feb. 14—v. Marple Hall U.14 .....	W	20-1
Feb. 24—v. Cheadle Juniors .....	W	18-2
Mar. 3—v. Stockport G.S. U.13 .....	W	20-3
Mar. 9—v. Manchester G.S. U.13 ...	W	17-3
Mar. 16—v. Ch. Hulme School U.13...	W	24-0
Mar. 20—v. M/cr. G.S. U.13 in the		
Centurion's Trophy Final...	W	17-0
Mar. 26—v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. U.14 ...	W	10-8

The following all played on the U.13 practice and in a normal year would have all been worth a place in the side: M. W. Whiteside, T. D. Coyne, M. H. Bishop, G. R. Burton, A. Rycroft, B. R. Clayden, P. R. Summersgill, N. I. Greensmith, A. P. Cosslett, B. J. Middleton, A. D. Fairlie.

R. A. HAYNES.

## UNDER 12's.

A wealth of talent has developed making the choice of a team for the 5 matches rather difficult. Generally the attack has blossomed now that it uses the open spaces. Defenders take longer to learn how to body-check, but several have shown promise.

The side won handsomely thrice, lost an exciting game to Cheadle Hulme 7-4, and were put in their place by the Under 13's 2nd XII!

Although there are many on the fringe of the team, selection was made from: R. J. Hall, P. S. Dodd, J. F. Leigh, R. Young, P. J. Howarth, J. B. Meehan, G. I. Hawes, C. W. Hodgkinson, C. P. Bunnage, O. R. W. Summers, K. S. Bowen, W. B. Collier, D. S. Harrison, S. J. I'Anson, C. W. MacNeill and A. C. Erlam.

J.M.A.

## HOUSE LACROSSE

A very good term in most respects with excellent weather and firm conditions, producing some first class lacrosse. The term was somewhat marred however, by a rather high accident rate, due largely to carelessness and a general tendency to commit petty infringements which inevitably cause tempers to fray. It is to be hoped that next season much greater care will be exercised.

The league quickly developed into a struggle between Fraser, Heywood and Whitworth, Fraser gradually increasing its lead throughout the term, finishing top with over two hundred points. They were followed by Heywood, Whitworth, Dalton, Byrom and Gaskell, in that order.

The knock-outs produced their usual thrills and excitements. The standard was high and great credit must go to the house players. Unfortunately, the Junior result had to be declared void because of an accidental breaking of the age rule.

## Results:

### Seniors:

1st Round—Byrom beat Heywood 8-5.	
Whitworth beat Gaskell 12-3.	
2nd Round—Byrom beat Dalton 3-2.	
Whitworth beat Fraser 8-7.	
Final—Byrom beat Whitworth 7-3.	

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The Club continued its successful season during the Lent term; there were good attendances, nearly every lunchtime, and players were keen.

We had an enjoyable match against the masters and won 7-2 and two very closely contested and exciting matches against the parents, the first one we lost 8-10 and in the return match we managed to reverse the score 10-8. The following members have played in the team: R. J. M. Ashton (6CU), E. Baines (6CL), C. J. Barratt (L6S), V. W. Bennett (L6M), J. T. Briscoe (L6S), I. Fraser (6CL), J. A. Greensmith (6ML), M. A. J. Potter (6ML).

We thank R. J. M. Ashton for his support on the team and we wish him well in his career. Many thanks are due to Mr. Aveyard for his coaching sessions which we have much appreciated, to Mrs. Taylor for the provision of match teas and to Mr. Renny for his support and encouragement.

J.T.B.



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# OLD HULMEIANS NOTES AND NEWS

Robert Mark, described by "The Observer" as "the whizz-kid of the police force" has been promoted Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

D. Ll. Griffiths has been appointed a Honorary Member of the Texas Orthopaedic Association.

Howard Williamson has recently been back in Manchester with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

On April 2nd, 1968, Harry Lord, who entered the school in 1900, celebrated 40 years service on Stretford Borough Council, where he is a County Alderman.

Eric Kirkland has been appointed Chief Engineer of the North Western Electricity Board.

We congratulate P. Horwich on being awarded a Josiah Willard Gibbs scholarship to study for a Ph.D. at Yale University.

A. H. Anderson presented a thesis on "The determination of molecular dimensions from the measurement of transport properties", for his M.Sc. at Newcastle University.

Barry Walker has been ski-ing for his battalion at Oberjoch and Lermoos, followed by an exercise with the French Army, and a stint in Berlin.

Dave King has switched his game to football at Guy's, and Geoff. Booth, also at Guy's, was selected for the Southern Universities lacrosse team.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

Pettener—On February 9th, to Margaret and Kenneth, a son.

Roden—On February 27th, to Margaret and Benny, a son.

Ellis—On March 12th, to Olga and Graham, a daughter.

Paulson—On April 5th, to Janet and Rodney, a son.

Lawless—On April 8th, to Catherine and Ian, a son.

### MARRIAGE

Dalzell—Brooks: On February 3rd, John Gordon Dalzell to Lesley Ann Brooks.

### DEATHS

Almond—On March 6th, 1968, at April Cottage, Styal, Frederick William (Derrick) Almond.

Cardwell—On March 21st, at Kinross, Hawley Lane, Hale Barns, Ronald Henry Cardwell, aged 46 years.

Handford—Robert P. Handford, of The Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover, aged 41 years.

## "A HISTORY OF MANCHESTER",

by W. H. Thomson, reviewed by C. Morley.

The publication earlier this year of Mr. W. H. Thomson's "History of Manchester", was the culmination of many years of painstaking labour, continued and completed with unflagging zeal despite severe physical handicaps. The author's interest in his subject and his love of every smallest detail inform the entire volume. He has collected a great deal of material, some excellent illustrations and a bibliography invaluable to anyone anxious to learn something of old Manchester at first hand. As so often happens with local history, quotations from old documents often end just when they are becoming interesting. This may be due to pressure of space, or it may be a deliberate incitement to look for the rest of the quotation in the original work.

The section on the many centuries before the Norman Conquest is commendably brief, apparently a recognition of a kind rare in the work of antiquarians that the land between Ribble and Mersey was not then of any great significance. The treatment of the feudal period necessarily suffers from the self-imposed limits of the author's plan. By confining his attention entirely to the tiny settlement at the confluence of Irk and Irwell, even to the extent of excluding virtually all reference to the manorial buildings at Knott Mill, Mr. Thomson has somewhat distorted the picture of the manor of Manchester, obscuring its relationship not only to its immediate neighbours, but also to the honour or barony of which it was a part, to which it gave its name, but of which it was not the real centre. However, the rapid growth of Manchester as a centre of industry and trade between about 1400 and about 1650 A.D., is described and illustrated admirably, although with the advent of cotton the town and the story become too complex for brief treatment. The mass of available material is too great for easy compression, and does not lend itself so well to the anecdotal method of the earlier sections.

Any reader interested in the records and relics of old Manchester will derive both enlightenment and pleasure from this book. The maps reproduced in it are too small to serve as a guide for personal exploration which in any event becomes daily more difficult as bulldozers and mechanical excavators pursue their relentless course. Finally, it must be said, with a certain impish glee, that there have crept into the text one or two of those minor errors which over many years Mr. Thomson was adept at finding in the work of others. On one page George I and

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George II are confused and on another Godmanchester is placed in Hampshire (Hants.) instead of Huntingdonshire (Hunts.).

### OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

Although doubtless prominence will be given in their own notes, two items of the Lacrosse Section deserve special mention here. First, congratulations to Paul Marlton, the first team capt., on winning the Senior Flags, defeating Mellor in the final by six goals to five.

Secondly, the section celebrated its 75th anniversary by holding a dinner in the Peacock Room at the Hotel Piccadilly, on 24th April, 1968.

The Annual Dinner Dance held at the Stanneylands Hotel, Wilmslow, on 9th February, 1968, was a "sell out" and those attending appeared to enjoy themselves so much that your committee has had no hesitation in reserving the same accommodation for 7th February, 1969. Our thanks are due to B. T. Plaskett for so ably organising this function.

The Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel, on 9th March, 1968, was the usual friendly occasion that one somehow takes for granted. It is a function deserving of better attendance as all present each year invariably enjoy meeting friends of many years ago. Next year it will be held at the Midland Hotel on 8th March, 1969.

The improvements to your Clubhouse in Brantingham Road are well in hand and it is hoped that a full programme of events will be arranged for the autumn and winter and that they will be well attended.

The annual cricket match against the School will be played on 6th July, 1968. Any Old Boy wishing to play should contact A. M. Blight, at the School.

The Honorary Treasurer, T. W. M. Bland, has spent a great deal of time in revising the plates for the addressograph machine and it is hoped that members will receive all notices and magazines to which they are entitled. Our thanks are due to Tommy Bland for this work. Please remember to pay your subscription and notify any changes of address so that the records can be kept up to date.

With the arrival of spring, Old Boys are reminded that the Headmaster has kindly made available the swimming bath to them and their wives on Tuesday evenings during term time.

These notes would not be complete without offering our congratulations to R. Mark on his further promotion reported elsewhere in this magazine.

ERIC BARNES.

### OLD HULMEIANS' LACROSSE SECTION

As predicted, the highlight of the season was the Senior Flags Final in which Old Hulmeians

narrowly defeated the otherwise unbeaten Mellor side. The game started at a furious pace with only the Mellor goalkeeper in their half of the field. This pressure was maintained for 70% of the first half, at the end of which Mellor lead convincingly 3—1. In the second half, the forcing play was broken repeatedly by accurate long clearances and by diligent mid-field work, and gradually the Old Boys began to look the more menacing, always more likely to score.

With 8 minutes to go the Old Boys drew level at 5—5 and a scrambled goal with only 2 minutes left gave their opponents no time to fight back. It was a hard fought game played in the best possible spirit. It was a fine game, following a series of fine games with Mellor. Now the two sides will clash again for the Referees' Trophy, which is played for by the League Champions and the Flags Holders.

At the end of the season, Old Hulmeians won the Iroquois Cup, beating Lee 13—3.

The 'A' Team lost the Junior Flags Final to a determined and capable Sheffield University side. The 'A' Team is a good side but were thoroughly outplayed and an injury-hit attack had little to offer. The score, 2—6, reflected the play in which both our goals were scored by that ancient and noble warrior, John Buckland, re-called to depleted ranks because of lack of talent.

The Extra 'A' and 'B' Teams maintain moderately good positions in the league tables, but next year will be seeking promotion as an outlet for their newly acquired enthusiasm and team spirit.

In this, our 75th year, we are feeling proud of ourselves for no particular reason, except that it is time we dropped some of our innate modesty. It is unbecoming to be too modest, so let's be brash. At the time of writing, final preparations are in hand for a celebration dinner at the Peacock Room, Piccadilly Plaza, which we intend to enjoy in the company of our many friends.

The occasion was conceived and fostered by our Chairman, Eric Barnes, who is in considerable pain because of an arthritic hip. We hope that his pending operation will be completely successful, and that he will be restored quickly and fully to his full health and vigour.

### 1st TEAM

Jan.	6—v. Ashton, Away	W	9-2
"	13—v. Heaton Mersey, Home	W	8-4
"	20—v. Leeds Un., Away	W	15-4
"	27—v. Old Waconians, Home	W	5-3
	(2nd Rnd. Snr. Flags)		
Feb.	3—v. Boardman & Eccles, Away	W	13-7
"	10—v. Rochdale, Away	W	6-4
"	17—v. Urmston, Home	W	9-5
"	18—v. B'dman & Eccles, Home	W	9-5
"	24—v. Old Stopf'dians, Neut. Grd.	W	6-3
	(S-Final, Snr. Flags)		

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Mar. 16—v. Sth. M/c. & Wyth., Home. W	8-5
„ 23—v. Ashton, Home .....	W 9-4
„ 30—v. W.H.G.S., 1st, Away .....	W 12-1
Apr. 6—v. Mellor, Neutral Grnd. ... W	6-5
(Final, Snr. Flags)	
„ 21—v. Old Waconians, Away ... W	7-5

#### 'A' TEAM

Jan. 6—v. Oldham & Werneth, Home. W	10-7
„ 13—v. Heaton Mersey 'A', Away. W	15-1
„ 20—v. W.H.G.S., 2nd, Home ... W	11-1
„ 27—v. S. M/c. & Wyth 'A', Away W	10-9
(League & Jnr. Flags)	
Feb. 3—v. Sheffield Un., Home .....	L 1-3
„ 10—v. Urmston 'A', Home .....	W 10-4
„ 17—v. Cheadle 'A', Away .....	L 6-8
„ 24—v. W.H.G.S., 1st, N. Grd. ... W	5-3
Mar. 4—v. Cheadle Hulme, Away ... W	15-3
„ 17—v. B'man & Eccles, 1st, Home L	6-13
('66/67 Champ. Play-off)	
„ 23—v. Offerton, Away .....	L 2-6
„ 30—v. Sheffield Un., N. Grd. ... L	2-6

#### EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Jan. 6—v. Boardman & Eccles, Away. W	14-9
„ 13—v. Heaton Mer. 'B', Home ... W	17-3
„ 20—v. Birmingham Un., Away ... W	13-4
„ 27—v. Cheadle 'B', Away .....	L 4-7
Feb. 10—v. S. M/c. & Wlth. 'B', Home. L	8-15
„ 17—v. Ashton 'A', Home .....	D 7-7
Mar. 4—v. Old Stopf'ns 'A', Home ... L	10-14
„ 23—v. M.G.S., 1st, Home .....	L 4-19
„ 30—v. W.H.G.S., 2nd, Away ... L	3-11

#### 'B' TEAM

Jan. 6—v. Urmston 'B', Home .....	W 17-4
„ 20—v. Oldham & W. 'A', Home... W	16-3
„ 27—v. Sheffield Un. 'A', Home... W	20-3
Feb. 3—v. Rochdale 'B', Home .....	W 19-4
„ 17—v. M.G.S., 2nd, Away .....	W 13-12
„ 24—v. Leeds Un. 'A', Home ... W	1-0
Mar. 16—v. Sheffield Un. 'A', Away. W	7-1
„ 23—v. S. M/c. & Wyth 'C', Away W	19-7
„ 30—v. W.H.G.S., 3rd, Away .....	L 11-17

#### OLD HULMEIANS RUGBY SECTION

*"It all goes into the laundry  
but never comes out in the wash  
How we're sugared about by the old men  
Perishin! Panicky Old Men  
Heavy Sterned amateur Old Men  
Who 'amper and 'inder and scold men.*

*Kipling.*

A propos of nothing really—except perhaps a sentence or two of the Headmaster's speech at the Association Annual Dinner.

In past years, I have noted the phenomenon that we appear to improve our standard of rugby out of all proportion as March arrives and reach a climax around Easter. The reason escapes me—it surely can't take us six months to get fit. On Easter Monday we played the best rugby I think we have managed for some years and scored our highest total for the season in defeating Old Creightonians 29—8.

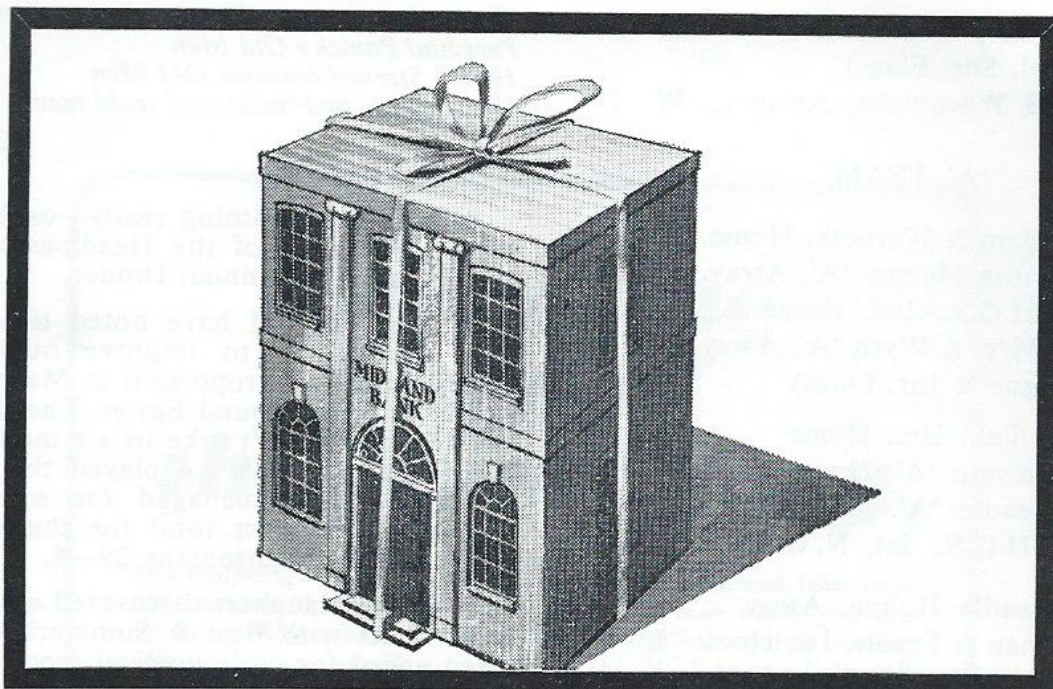
My small daughter discovered a new hero, who now ranks with Best & Summerbee, and I have been asked for daily medical reports on his poor nose.

After such an exhilarating exhibition, I was more than eager to witness the last game of the season against Toc H. A Friday night telephone call ended my hopes as I was scheduled for other duties. Sunday morning paper showed a 19-15 victory. I imagined a tremendous struggle but a modest report from a player said that it wasn't all that good. We apparently gave three soft tries before deciding it was time to play. Daughter's new hero—Danny Hanson, apparently accounted for 16 of the points, to add to his 15 on Easter Monday. Immediately prior to Easter we went down 3—6 to Broughton Park 'A'. A good game. They were a more accomplished side but we had enough chances to have stolen a victory. The same result against Fylde Wanderers on Easter Saturday. A drop goal and a try to a penalty in the closing moments—Hanson again. This game was also a 'might have been'. For the first half hour we were scarcely out of their '25' and had a perfectly good try (in my opinion) disallowed. We lost control in the second half and had to do a lot of chasing—only in the closing minutes did we realise that we could still seize possession and throw the ball out and twice came near scoring.

It is perhaps worth noting that Fylde have scored over 400 points this season. Other highlights of the season were: a 6—6 draw against Toc H, a 16—5 win against Hawker Siddley. The combination of Wood brothers in the centre has made a significant contribution in our defensive standards—one game in particular reminded me of the halcyon days of Morley, A. and Harrison,

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P. Add a thrusting stand-off and things begin to look rosy; also a 12—6 victory against Old Rochdaliens, who had earlier beaten us 0—33. Low points were a 0—3 defeat by Fleetwood. My notes on this game are unprintable and libellous. We were in Fleetwood's half for 85% of the game, no other comment is necessary. Defeats by Prestwich 5—15 and Sedgley Park 9—18, and Vulcan 3—26. The last two were away games which I did not see but Prestwich was a game thrown away. Prestwich committee-men on the touchline could hardly believe their eyes and their good fortune.

The 'A' team almost lost all confidence in itself by the end of the season. I think some hard physical training by all members at the start of the season and some collective training while the light is available would make a radical difference. There have been some very purple patches. The standard of rucking has been quite high provided forwards had not had to run too far. I have seen passing movements started repeatedly within ten yards of our line and make seventy yards.

An enthusiastic Colts XV has enjoyed quite a successful time since the New Year. Only Sale have proved to be their superiors. The first game was a thrashing but the margin was halved on the return game. One of the earlier defeats against Ashton-on-Mersey was severe but the return was a 6—6 draw, and we lost a chance of winning in the last minute. Doubles were attained over Eccles and Dukinfield, and victories were won against Prestwich, Lymm and Toc H. A defeat which caused great disappointment was at Fylde. My memory of this is of a sweating red-faced Colt, hopping about in fury and appealing (after the manner of K. R. Miller seeking an L.B.W.) to all the gods and anyone else who would listen—for justice against referees who could not tell the time. His case had some merits as the Colts started the 2nd half before the 1st team and the latter was back in the dressing room before "no side" for the Colts. Those vital 10 minutes turned a 6-0 lead into a 6—11 defeat. Their tally has been: Won 8, Lost 5, Drawn 2. The team has not however been consistently strong every week. Mention should be made of Bob Armstrong, who has been a keystone in the running of this side. The standard of rugby has, on the whole, been good, and shown a grasp of the basic skills. A little more finesse and control of the basic tempo of the game is now required. There is a tendency for the players to rush their fences, particularly when things are going wrongly. A little more calm and steadiness in these occasions will bring the rewards.

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## ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS

### IN LONDON.

Towards the end of March we returned to the Copper Kitchen, in Fleet Street, for our Spring Supper. This restaurant is particularly convenient for our informal occasions; the meal was appropriate and the company spent an enjoyable evening. We were glad to have with us John Hancock and Howard Daubney, recent newcomers to London. Peter Harrison and P. Richardson also made their first appearances in the party.

An idea, of which the last issue gave some warnings, has now been knocked into shape and anyone at the Copthorne Club in Sussex on Friday, 24th May, will be attending the London Association's first golf match. These notes are being prepared whilst the event is still some weeks ahead, but an encouraging amount of interest has been shown already.

The cricket match at Farnham Royal in Bucks has been fixed for Sunday, 30th June. This is always a successful outing for the whole family. If anyone has not received relevant details through the post, they will be sent on request.

The principal function of the year will, of course, be the Dinner, once again at the House of Commons. On this occasion we are indebted to the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, M.P., who has kindly agreed to sponsor our visit to the Palace of Westminster, and a record attendance is expected. The list has been opened and early application is advisable. Further information from G. W. Creasey, 145, Copse Hill, S.W.20. (Tel. 01-946 6778).

### OLD HULMEIANS' MASONIC LODGE

After our monthly meeting on March 27th, we were fortunate enough to have a film show, the subject being "The Royal Masonic Girls' School". The school is situated at Rickmansworth and set in wonderful country surroundings, where it provides home and education for some 450 girls. It is one of the two chief charitable organisations run by Freemasonry, the other being the Boys' School at Bushey.

We had another very successful Ladies' Evening at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, on April 6th. The Worshipful Master, Kenneth B. Hilton, and Mrs. Hilton were hosts to over 160 members of the Lodge, wives and friends. This year we concluded the evening's proceedings with the traditional English breakfast, an innovation much appreciated by all, but more so by the drivers of home-bound transport.

It is with considerable regret that we report the resignation of our worthy Secretary, A. E. Bolsover, owing to ill-health. He has done wonderful service during the many years he has occupied the office and our gratitude is extended to him, combined with the hope that he will soon

be well enough to re-join us at our meetings.

Meanwhile, any interested Old Boys or members of school staff please contact: Hon. Sec., Percy M. Smith, 30, Milton Crescent, Cheadle, Cheshire.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association held the Annual Supper Dance in March at the Embassy Rooms, Sale. The Dance was well attended and we had the pleasure of the company of the staff and their guests. We also had the dubious pleasure of seeing committee members win a number of raffle prizes—surely not a case of just deserts!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd May, at the School, and will be followed by a Cheese and Wine Evening. At the Annual General Meeting a report on all the activities of the Association will be given and the officers and committee members for 1968/69 elected. Because their sons are shortly to leave school Messrs. Blezard, Faulkner and Edwards will not be offering themselves for re-election. Messrs. Slight, and Bollen, are also resigning because of business commitments. We thank them

all for the work they have done on behalf of the Association.

There has been very little demand for the swimming pool during the winter (and who am I to pour scorn upon the fainthearts?), but no doubt the summer days, both of them, will see an improvement. However, in the light of experience, it has been agreed that the pool will be open on Tuesday evenings, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., only for the Summer Term, and the first half of the Michaelmas Term.

Our best wishes to all the boys leaving in July. We wish them every success in the years to come.

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